

Blakely, GA – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-2) today addressed health care professionals and guests at the Early County Department of Health Open House and toured the newly renovated facility.

The recent renovations to the Department of Health were made possible through Stimulus funding through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Congressman Bishop said, “I am very pleased to see that Early County used some of its Stimulus money to renovate the Health Department, so that we all get to see first-hand the improvements that have been made as a result of these funds.”

Congressman Bishop also spoke about rural community health centers, which will receive \$11 billion over the next five years as a provision of the Health Care bill that was signed into law in March. Congressman Bishop said, “There are many [provisions] that are beneficial to our area – The bill also provides new incentives to increase the number of primary care doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.”

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